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| For: CRYSTAL-GROWING FURNACE, IN | ) |                             |
| PARTICULAR A VERTICAL            | ) |                             |
| BRIDGMAN CRYSTAL-GROWING         | ) |                             |
| FURNACE OR A VERTICAL GRADIENT   | ) |                             |
| FREEZE CRYSTAL-GROWING           | ) |                             |
| FURNACE HAVING A JACKET          | ) |                             |
| HEATER AND A METHOD OF           | ) |                             |
| REGULATING THE HEAT OUTPUT OF    | ) |                             |
| THE JACKET HEATER                | ) |                             |

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